

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network's



News from the Network

Connecting you to the volunteer community



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Greetings Volunteer Network Members:

It is undeniably back to school time here in Bloomington and so we couldn't resist the opportunity to shadow this theme in our latest newsletter. Time to put education first! We've loaded this edition of the News from the Network with heaps of helpful information about upcoming trainings, workshops and events. So get out your planners – we've got lots of great educational events for you to get on your calendars.

~Bet & Lucy

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Recruitment System Orientation – new September dates scheduled!

We've reached the 100 agencies mark! But there are still some agencies that have not yet completed the orientation and begun their active recruiting online. Why not? Here's what agencies are saying:

- "I can't believe how many referrals we've already received!"
- "I love the new system. It's really easy to use."
- "I really appreciate being able to update my own information."

Don't miss this opportunity to continue listing your volunteer opportunities and Wish List items with the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network.

Register today! Contact volunteer@bloomington.in.gov or call 349-3433 with your preferred orientation session day and time to reserve your seat. [View session availability.](#)

Orientation Day/Date	Time	Location
Monday, Sept 15	3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Wednesday, Sept 17	5:15-6:45 p.m. * after 5pm session!	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Tuesday, Sept 23	3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Thursday, Sept 25	8:30-10 a.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Tuesday, Sept 30	3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)

September Volunteer VIP Session – Sept. 16

TOPIC: Group Projects – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 @ 3:30pm

Location: Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

Panelists: Lyne Brown or Brad Pontius, organizers of CareFest and Darrell Ann Stone, IU Student Activities Office

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CareFest Looking for Volunteer Projects – **deadline Sept. 19**

For the past two years, Sherwood Oaks has mobilized over 1,500 volunteers to serve more than 30 different community agencies and schools during a one-day event called CareFest. This fall CareFest 2008 will be held on Saturday, November 1. The goal is to complete 25 projects! Find out how your agency can benefit from these volunteers. *Family-friendly projects are especially welcomed.* [Read more and download an application now.](#)



Local Media Panel Roundtable – **Sept. 15**

Register by September 12

The NonProfit Alliance of Monroe County will sponsor a Media Roundtable Monday, September 15, 5:30-7:30 at Village Deli, 409 E. Kirkwood Ave. Come and have an informal conversation with area media from newsprint, radio and TV to discuss concerns and issues regarding the non profit community. Please contact Liz Feitl (334-8370; liz@monroeunitedway.org) of your attendance by noon on Friday, September 12 so we are prepared for you.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP: Accountability: Transparency Within Your Organization – **Sept. 11**

Thursday, September 11, from 1-5 p.m. at the Fountain Square Mall Ballroom

Register by September 8

Are you an executive director, bookkeeper or accountant, program or development director, board members or other volunteer? Join the Non Profit Alliance for this fast-paced afternoon focused on the three foundational things that effective non-profits are doing consistently and well: building a strong board of directors and staff, maintaining organizational focus, and communicating effectively. The workshop will be presented by the eminently engaging and accomplished June Miller of the Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network. Cost is \$10, and payment will be accepted at the door; please make checks payable to NPA Monroe County. Pre-registration required; email Renee Chambers at renee@cfbmc.org by September 8. Please submit completed registration form with your payment at sign-in.

Experienced Volunteer Managers – What do you know?

Deadline: September 30

For the past several months a CCVA (Council on Certification In Volunteer Administration) task force has been hard at work revising the competencies and creating a new outline of the knowledge and abilities for the 3-year practitioner. Please take a few minutes to help them validate their work and ensure the CVA professional designation reflects actual practice. If you have served in a volunteer administration position for at least 3 years, you are invited to participate in this survey. The CCVA has identified five Core Competencies for the profession of volunteer administration:

- Ethics
- Organizational Management
- Human Resource Management
- Accountability
- Leadership and Advocacy

You will be asked to rank the importance of several topics in each Core Competency area. To participate in this survey, click on the link below. It should only take about 20 minutes of your time, and the survey will remain open for the month of September.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=eSo9KZqYgFJyUtdOKtZAaw_3d_3d

Please feel free to pass this message along to local peers and colleagues.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards – **Honor your young volunteers!**

Deadline: October 31, 2008

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in middle and high school grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. Created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the awards constitute the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteering. Over the past 13 years, the program has honored more than 80,000 young volunteers at the local, state, and national level. Learn more at <http://www.prudential.com/view/page/12847>.

RESOURCES & MATERIALS

Freebie Corner– Treasure Chest Centerpieces

Pam Kinnaman at the Shalom Community Center has about 15 cardboard treasure chests with raffia stuffing which she used as centerpieces at her volunteer appreciation event. They have stickers on them which say something like

"Volunteers Are a Treasure." Don't be shy – contact Pam and get them off her hands – at pam@shalomcommunitycenter.org or 334-5734.

CALENDAR

Sept. 9

IU Student Involvement Fair

The IU Fall Volunteer Opportunities Fair will be incorporated into the Student Involvement Fair this year. It was estimated that 800 to 1200 students participated last year! That's a lot of potential volunteers. Sign up now to have a booth at <http://orientation.indiana.edu/IUSIF>

Sept. 15

Local Media Roundtable

Presented by the NPA (see details above).

Sept. 15, 17, 23, 25 & 30

Volunteer Solutions Orientation Sessions

Sign up to get your users guide and get oriented to this new volunteer management system. See more info [online](#). To register, contact the Volunteer Network at 349-3433 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.

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Deadline to register for CareFest (See below)

Oct 29-30

2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum

Nonprofit leaders are invited to join the discussion at the 2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Registration Fee. [Read More](#).

Nov. 1

CareFest sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

CareFest, sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, unites hundreds of volunteers for one purpose - to make a difference by serving community assistance organizations and public schools. Group volunteer projects are being solicited from nonprofit organizations who could utilize the assistance of CareFest volunteers. For more information about CareFest, contact Lyne Brown at lbrown@socc.org. (application deadline is Sept. 19)

National Days of Service in 2008

August 2: Community Build Day

September 11: MyGoodDeed.org

October 19 – 25: Kids Care Week

October 25: Kids Care Week

November 22: National Family Volunteer Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar](#).

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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